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New plan suggests competitive edge possible for Didsbury

BY SABEEN AHMAD Didsbury Review

An Economic Development Marketing Plan has been created for the Town of Didsbury to attract new busi and industries to the town.

Council now has the plan to look over and decide when

exactly it will be implemented.

"We need to look at things like the property to the north that's being annexed in," Mayor Brian Wittal said. With the additional land being annexed in, Wittal said that it would bring more opportunities for both commercial and residen-

In the short term, the plan aims to create a situation where the annual value of non-residential building permits is similar to or higher than surounding communities

In the long term, the plan aims to lessen the municipal tax burdon on residential taxpayers by increasing the non-

residential tax assessment portion of municipal taxes.

Part of the process in putting the marketing plan togethwas a gap analysis, which showed where Didsbury lacked in terms of businesses and what residents of Didsbury wanted.

"It helped to give us a snapshot of where those gaps were," Wittal said. One of the gaps discovered by the con-sulting firm was that local residents went out of town for groceries and family clothing purchase

Part of the marketing plan also included the creation of a new economic development logo, which will not replace the town logo but will rather appear on all documents that promote the economic development.

The marketing plan's estimated budget is \$81,000 over the next three years and the plan itself is intended to act as

the next three years and the plan is sintended to act as a flexible guide over the next seven.

The plan is divided into three sections: Integrated Promotional Tools, Optimizing Partnerships and Networking and Increasing Organizational and Community

It was recognized in the plan that Didsbury had had substantial population growth and residential development over the past five years.

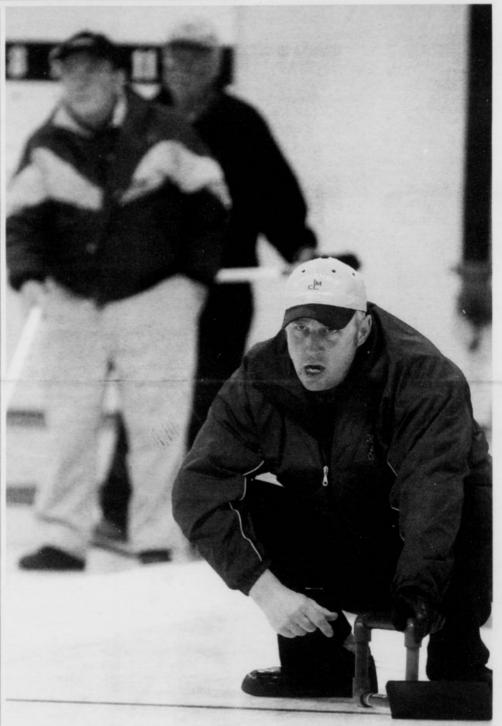
To make Didsbury sustainable among the growing sur-

rounding communities, it will need to attract new business-es and industries, which will be done through the market-

According to the mayor, the next step following the mar keting plan would be to develop a committee. "It will have members from businesses, local residents, the chamber... He said having a group that represented all aspects of the community was essential in being successful with the plan. In the end, Wittal sees the growth of Didsbury and the

Economic Development Marketing Plan to include residents, tourists and businesses. "It could attract residents to the town depending on the business they are in.

Wittal said that Didsbury had much to offer new busi-nesses that come to Didsbury. "It's a quality of life you can



ON GAME - Bert Pringle shouts sweeping instructions to rink mates during the Didsbury Farmers Bonspiel last week. While Pringle's C finals, A, B, and D finals were won by the Roemmele, Petersen and Grahar



Tighter trans fat restrictions in '09

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Pitstop Pizza X-Press

CHRIS PRESS

owner

For the Revie

A year after the Calgary Health Region implemented restrictions on trans fats. taurant owners need to prepare for Phase 2 of the initiative

Effective July 1, restaurants located within the health region, including those in Didsbury, cannot use any food item for

use, service, sale or storage that contains hydrogenated margarines, oils or shortenings that have a total trans fat content exceeding five per

Phase 1 of the initiative. dubbed the Trans Fat Reduction Initiative Policy, went into effect Jan. 1, 2008 The first phase required all hydrogenated margarines, oils, or shortenings used for deep-frying, frying, sautéing or grilling to not have a trans fat content exceeding two per cent of the total fat con-

Furthermore, the same ingredients used on sandwiches, vegetables, potatoes, rice, etc. cannot exceed two per cent of the total fat con-

Carstairs' The Fireside

Place restaurant owner Stella Foong says her business has always been in compliance with the restrictions and that she hasn't had any problems with getting the right ingredients

"When I took over the restaurant and this trans fat (requirement) came out I checked with the chef at the time and we were not using any of the (restricted items)," says

As for the Phase 2 restrictions, Foong says her suppliers should already be shipping her

adds that she spoke with her suppliers a year ago to ensure they were in compliance.

Carstaairs Pitstop Pizza X-Press owner Chris Press said the regulations haven't been cause for concern since he too was in compliance before the January 2008 deadline.

'It was easy for us because we were aware of what was going on with the wanting to go

to zero trans fats in the cooking oils and such, so when we opened we sought out products that were already zero trans fat," explains Press, who opened his restaurant a year and a half ago.

Although he has always sed compliant cooking oils, Press says that the price of oil did go up quite steeply when the regulations went into effect due to a sudden drop supply, but have returned to their pre 2008 lev-

Press adds that Phase 2 regulations won't be a problem for his business, but it may be a different story for sandwich shops

"It will be hardest for the sandwich shops and the breakfast shops that are doing a lot of toasts with margarine and butters. We don't use any of that here, we use one sandwich

spread that's zero trans fat in our subs.

The health region has conducted 5,552 inspections between January and September 2008 and found 176 establishments throughout the region with trans fat violations Despite the violations, 98 per cent of establishments were in compliance.

As of November 3, 2008, the most common product cited for infractions was margarine. which was responsible for 125 infractions

BREAKAWAY - Didsbury Dragons Maija Lappala drives to the hoop to score an unco lay-up during Firday's JV Girls Tournament opener against Crossfield. Dragons lost the game 44-20 and finished fourth overall. Didsbury boys won the tournament beating out Sundre who took second place.



INFORMATION **EVENTS**

MS Education in your community



MS AWARENESS DAY

Wednesday January 21, 2009
MS Information Session: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Jeannine Christopherson RN BScN
Ms. Christopherson will deliver an information session
for the community that will include information regarding
behavioral progression, MS Society of Canada Client
Services and Supports and recent news on MS.
Education Conference Room
Didsbury District Health Services Didsbury District Health Services 1210 - 20 Avenue, Didsbury

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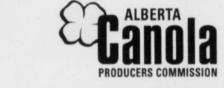
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ALBERTA CANOLA PRODUCERS COMMISSION SEEK NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTOR IN REGION 8

The Alberta Canola Producers Commission (ACPC) is seeking a canola producer willing to serve as a Director of the ACPC for Region 8. The elected Director will represent canola producers in the region for a three year term.

The nominations and the election will take place during the ACPC Annual General meeting, January 28, 2009 at the Mayfield Inn in Edmonton, Alberta at 1:00 pm.

WHO MAY BECOME A DIRECTOR OF THE ACPC?

Anyone who has paid the ACPC service charge on canola sold since August 1, 2005 is an eligible producer and can stand for election as a Director.

Eligible producers must produce canola within the defined region in order to be nominated, but do not have to reside within the region.

Region 8 encompasses the following: Wheatland County, Mountain View County, Kneehill County, M.D. of Rocky View No. 44, M.D. of Bighorn No.8, and M.D. of Foothills No. 31

For more information contact:

WARD TOMA. ACPC General Manager Toll Free in Alberta: 1-800-551-6652 or by email: reception@canola.ab.ca

No injuries in ambulance rollover

Two Mountain View Regional Emergency Services ambulance attendants and a female patient got a lot more than they bargained for during a routine transfer from Didsbury to Calgary on Jan. 8

They hit the ditch in the median and laid it on its side."

There was a paramedic, an EMT and the patient in the

ambulance outhbound on the QEII highway near Crossfield when it left the roadway and rolled onto its side during a winter storm.

"We were transporting an adult female passenger from Didsbury to Foothills Hospital for a procedure when the ambulance hit a whiteout," said operations manager Larry Gratton.
"The ambulance had to hit
the ditch to avoid a car that was braking in front of them.

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> LARRY GRATTON MVRES

The patient was strapped to the gurney and remained

secured during the rollover, he said.

"All of the restraints worked the way they are designed to and there was no injury to her," he said. "The driver had her seatbelt on. The attendant in the back did not though because he was actually just moving from one seat to another in the back, ironically enough to position himself in a little safer seat than where they normally sit.

"It was a kind of a smooth deceleration because they hit a snowbank and it absorbed all the energy when it went over on its side."

The vehicle sustained minor damage to the passenger's side

"It will be out of commission for several days to a week or two perhaps. It will strain our resources a bit because we have a minimum amount of spare units, like

He explained that residents needing an ambulance should not hesitate to call.

"They absolutely do not need to do anything differently because anything we can't respond to when we are too busy or out of resources we have mutual aid partners that come in and pick up the slack," he said.

Council Briefs

Town approves funding for P2P

Prairies to Peaks will have something to look towards now that the Town of Didsbury has approved its funding

In last week's town council meeting, Kathie Vance was in attendance to make a presentation to council in regards to the ongoing funding for Prairies to Peaks. Vance men-tioned that with the funding they hope to receive they hope to use it to their advantage by updating the website

Council unanimously voted to approve the request of \$1.50 per capita plus an additional \$0.50 per capita for the development of a new website. They also approved the request of \$2,000 for funding.

Water rates increase

Didsbury residents will be seeing a rate increase on their January water bills.

In November council had decided to agree on a \$0.15 increase per cubic metre for all customers. The increase followed the decision by the Mountain View Regional Water Commission to begin work on twinning the water lines between Olds and the Anthony Henday Water Treatment Plant

What happens is all the water that is consumed in January will be a higher rate," Chief Financial Officer James Reichenbacher said. "That's when folks will see it on their bills, in the first or second week in February

Because of the way the billing works, the bills residents are expected to get in the next week or two will be the charges for the consumption of water in December, Reichenbacher explained.

Since the water rate increase was put into effect for January 1, 2009, Reichenbacher said, "Every metre cubed of water that each of the residents consumed from January first or the last read will be billed at the higher rate."

Waste collection rates increase

Due to the increase of Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission's 2009 municipal waste collection fees, the Town of Didsbury has opted to increase residents' garbage fee by 0.10, bringing it to 19.83/month.

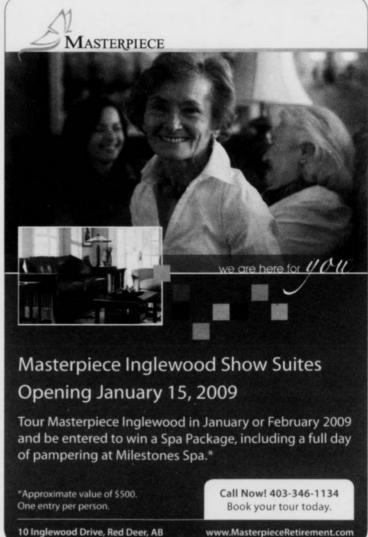
The increase is to recoup the cost increase of fees for: cart collection, per ton rate for solid waste and for the three-metre bins

The fee increase will not take effect until March of this



Emergency personnel assess the situation after a Mountain View Regional Emergency Services ambulance drove into the ditch and flipped to avoid a car on the QEII Jan. 8





pinion

Commentary **Drivers need to be** cautious with onset of winter

PAUL FREY

With the onset of winter over the last month or so, the need for drivers to be cautious on the roadways has increased — and will stay that way for the next couple of

With this being the fourth winter I have spent in Alberta, I am continually amazed at how seemingly oblivious many drivers are to the poor driving conditions that sometimes characterize Alberta's roadways. I have seen several news releases from the RCMP stating that people should stay off the roads if at all possible. Inevitably during the same time frame, the emergency scanner come alive with the chatter of emergency personnel responding to the scene of a crash — oftentimes due to people not slowing down and driving according to the conditions. I have also been on the road during similar conditions and been amazed at the number of people that have left me well behind as if they were late for an extremely important appointment. No appointment is as important as getting safely to the destination.

Contrast this with a majority of drivers in B.C. that do actually slow down and drive according to adverse road conditions. Granted, the incentive to be more cautious is naturally built in next door due to the more challenging geography, but the point still stands — people should geography, but the point still stands — people should slow down for poor conditions. As the Insurance Corporation of B.C.'s old slogan said, "Slow down and use your road sense." Simply because the speed limit on the QE II says 110 kilometres per hour doesn't mean driv-ers should go that fast after a few centimetres of snow has fallen and caused the highway to be slippery. The introduction of sheriffs on Alberta's roadways has

definitely helped the situation. While it's not scientific, I have noticed that people aren't driving as fast on the QE II as they were when I first arrived here two years ago. I think that's in great measure due to the fact that the sher have become increasing more visible over time and will continue to crack down on drivers who proceed on Alberta's highways in an unsafe manner.

While staff at the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Public Security won't come out and say sheriffs' presence on the roads has led to safer commutes, they do say that they are confident over time Alberta's highways should become safer as people realize they should be

driving more defensively.

New amendments to the Traffic Safety Act that took effect Jan. 1 aim to reduce the 92 fatalities and 10,092 injuries that took place in collisions at intersections throughout Alberta in 2007. Police will now be able to use speeding technology at intersections with red light cameras, high collision locations and locations where infractions are frequent. The technology tracks the speed of a vehicle as it proceeds through the designated loca-

Municipalities will decide if and where they want to use the technology.

Law enforcement agencies that use the technology will be required to have a three-month awareness campaign in which warning tickets will be issued to offenders dur-ing the last month of the awareness period. No demerits will be issued for intersection speed or red light infrac-tions during or after the awareness campaign.

Since the sheriff program was launched in September 2006, approximately 170,000 violations of the Traffic Safety Act have been handed out provincewide, while sheriffs have responded to over 400 crashes and taken more than 700 suspected impaired drivers off Alberta's roadways

That's proof the program is working in my books. Next time you find yourself cursing the coloured lights in your rear-view mirror for pulling you over, remember they are actually doing you and everyone else on the road a favour by reinforcing the safety message.



Commentary What a difference six months makes

SCOTT HENNIG

With recent talk of the Alberta government running a deficit next year in order to drain the Sustainability Fund of its savings, it's worth a sober look at how we

ever got to this point. During the 2006 Alberta PC leadership race, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) questioned each of the candidates as to where they stood on different issue

The questions varied from committing to tax cuts, to spending control, to creating a savings plan, to implementing democratic reforms.

Hindsight being what it is, perhaps a very poignant question would have Will you as premier ever run a

Unfortunately, that question was not asked. At the time it seemed a pointless and ridiculous question. Of course no candidate hoping to be the leader of Alberta's Progressive Conservative Party would ever even fathom the idea of running deficits. Especially not after all the sacrifices Albertans made to first balance the books in the mid-90s and then to pay-off the debt by 2005.

Despite not asking the question,

one candidate volunteered his commitment to balanced budgets. Nay, it was more than a mere commit-ment, it was an "absolute."

Our now premier, Ed Stelmach, in answering a question in regards to Alberta's hidden sales tax on insur ance offered this as part of his "The only absolute for me is to run balanced budgets and budgconservatively

What a difference a couple of years make

Heck, what a difference six months make. Mid-summer when the province was rolling in an \$8.5billion surplus, and doling it out in billion dollar increments, few Albertans could even imagine that the province may consider running a deficit or dip into savings to cover any shortfall in 2009.

But that's exactly what is happen-

Unfortunately, many Albertans, including some of those who sit around the provincial cabinet table will be quick to suggest that the unprecedented drop in the price of oil from \$145 to \$45 in a matter of a few months, precipitated this 'need' to withdraw from savings.

Talk about stretching the truth. While \$45 oil may seem low in

comparison to this past summer, it is not all that low considering the price of oil over the past five years

The Alberta government's rapid and massive increase in spending over the past few years is the real cause of this situation. In fact, the CTF predicted in 2007 that the government's appetite for spending would out-strip its supply of cash within two to five years, even if oil prices stayed high. Here we are two years later, and the CTF has been proven right.

So, just how severe is the govern ment's addiction to spending? Well, in 2008-09 the Alberta government

will spend a national high, \$10,513 per Albertan on government programs. In comparison, the three other western provinces will spend

slightly over \$8,000 per citizen. When it comes to infrastructure spending, the comparison is even more dramatic. This year the Alberta government will spend, again a national high, \$8.8-billion on capital projects for our 3.6 million citizens. In comparison, the province of Ontario, and their 13 million citizens will spend \$7.5-bil-

According to CTF calculations, the Alberta government will likely collect nearly \$36-billion in revenue next year. That still allows the government to spend almost \$10,000 per Albertan.

Don't believe the hype. Alberta government is the last gov-ernment in Canada that should ever be considering running a deficit or dipping into savings. We are still drowning in dollars. This deficit talk is a sign not of a softening economy or of any 'economic crisis' but rather the unchecked momentum of a gargantuan provincial government, and a forgotten "absolute" of our premier.

Premier Stelmach would be wise to look back and remember what sits at the absolute core of his political beliefs, because Albertans have seen this deficit movie before, and it's an absolute stinker.

Scott Hennig is the Alberta direc-tor with the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday January 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday January 21, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (February 13, 2009)

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MOTHER'S UNITE SALE!!

Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 9 am to 2 pm. Located in the Multi-Purpose Room. Tables are \$15.00 each. Sell your gently used children's clothing, toys books, furniture, etc. No household items. Children's items only Call 403-335-8719 to book your table

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NOTICE of APPEAL HEARING

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board of the Town of Didsbury hereby gives notice of a hearing to be held at the Town of Didsbury Administration Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue, Didsbury, Alberta.

DATE: Friday, January 16, 2009

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

Relevant to an appeal lodged with the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board regarding

Legal Description: Lot 28, 29, 34 & 35 BLOCK: 4, PLAN: 0810268 Civic/Municipal Description: 9, 11, 21, 23 DEER COULEE DRIVE

Appellant / Agent: LEE HAMMOND

GRAHAM AND BONNIE STECKLY

Applicant / Landowner: SPUR CONSTRUCTION INC.

Type of Development: NEW RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX WITH SECONDARY SUITES

The appeal was lodged by the: APPLELLANT

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board shall hear:

- the appellant or any person acting on his/her behalf,
- the development authority from whose order, decision, or development permit the appeal is made, or if a person is designated to act on behalf of the development authority, that person,
- any other person who was served with notice of the hearing and who wishes to be heard or a person acting on his/her behalf, and
- any other person who claims to be affected by the order, decision, or permit, and that the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board agrees to hear or a person acting on his/her behalf.

Dated at Didsbury, Alberta, this 7th day of January 2009

LUANA SMITH

Secretary

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

Child Care Worker Needed for Didsbury Out of School Care Association (DOSCA),

a program of the Town of Didsbury Starting Date: February 16, 2009

Closing Date: January 23, 2009 Positions: Part-time 20 -25 hrs per week

Wage: Competitive wage plus provincial grant of \$144/mth

Details: The Didsbury Out Of School Care Association will be hiring 1 part-time temporary staff (ends June 30, 2009) to help plan, implement and deliver the before and after school program.

Qualifications: enthusiastic, creative, energetic, outgoing, enjoy leading children in crafts, music, sports, games, nature, and other activities current first aid criminal reference check child intervention check

Apply to

Jolene Leutschaft, DOSCA Program Coordinator, Town of Didsbury, Box 790, Didsbury, AB, TOM 0W0, Fax (403) 335-9794 or e-mail at jleutschaft@didsbury.ca

SNOW REMOVAL

Please be advised that Public Works will be posting signs informing residents that snow removal will be taking place in that area. They will continue throughout the town until all streets are completed Thank you for your patience.

TOWN OF DIDSBURY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Acting Community Services Coordinator

Temporary Full-Time - Maternity Coverage February 23, 2009 to April 12, 2010

Through community programming, special events and several avenues of communication, the Acting Community Services Coordinator will provide Didsbury residents with a variety of opportunities to participate in their community. This one-year term, based out of Didsbury Neighborhood Place, will see the successful candidate working at a grass-roots level to engage Didsbury residents. This position will also be responsible for the quarterly development of the Didsbury Community Living Guide and will act as the Town of Didsbury website webmaster.

Qualifications:

- A post-secondary diploma in a related field, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Superior working knowledge of computers. Experience in Corel Draw, Adobe Pagemaker and website design an asset.
- Previous experience in community-based programming.
- Exemplary organizational, communication and administrative skills.
- Enthusiastic, creative, energetic, outgoing, dependable personality.
- Criminal Record Check/ Child Welfare Check

Application deadline: January 23, 2009

Please apply with resume to: Nicole Aasen, Manager of Community Services Box 790, Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0 Fax: (403) 335-9794 Email: naasen@didsbury.ca

SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENT FINAL COMPLAINT DATE IS JANUARY 19, 2009

SUPPLEMENTARY TAXES ARE DUE JANUARY 30, 2009

Bylaw Corner - Snowmobiles

Let the snow sports begin! We are having an excellent year for snow and the skiers and snowmobilers couldn't be happier.

This is a good opportunity to remind everyone about the regulations governing nowmobiles. The Traffic Safety Act requires that any snow machine being oper ated needs to be registered and insured and that the license plate has to be dis-played where it can be seen. We also have a bylaw prohibiting the use of snowmobiles in Didsbury. Remember that not everyone loves these machines. They can be smelly and loud and people shouldn't have to deal with them running through the green space by their homes. If you have a place to run your machine out of town you must transport it there by trailer or truck. Failure to comply with the provincial regulations and bylaws can result in heavy fines. Have fun with the big dump of snow and be safe when riding this season, remember to wear a helmet.

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Hutchison's story meant to inspire change

Didsbury Revie

With a small crowd gathered in the library at the Didsbury High School, Katy Hutchison shared her story about how her husband Bob was murdered at a New Year's Eve party

"I want you to all meet Bob." In her introduction of who her husband was, she pictures PowerPoint presentation of him with their children and taking part in a number of triathlons. Bob was wellknown in their small community in Squamish, B.C. The final picture in her introduction of Bob was of him in the morgue.

Hutchison's purpose for the presentation that she has done across North America for a number of years was to educate parents and youth alike about the dangers of alcohol and drug use. She explained that parents needed to be there for their children not just physically but

emotionally and mentally. Hutchison went on to tell the crowd of parents, teachers and other community members how Bob had gone to check on a party that was being thrown by a neighbour's son on New Year's Eve—he never returned.

At the party of over 200 teenagers, Bob headed upstairs to let everyone know the party was over. He was confronted by a male youth who was angry with this stranger trying to ruin their fun and punched him, knocking Bob to the Another male ground. approached Bob while he was on the ground and gave him 'four soccer-type kicks' to his head. It was one of those kicks that killed Bob.

At that party, those that

silence that lasted close to Hutchison said five years. when Ryan Aldridge was finally arrested, she

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police wouldn't allow it. made a video telling him to dig deep inside to find the words to say. I did this

Hutchison said Aldridge confessed to the crime he requested to meet with her to personally deliver a letter be had written to



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meeting Hutchison felt more sympa-thy for him than anger, "I sat across from him in this small interrogation room and he was just a wreck... handed him a wad of Kleenex...it was all I could do from not walking up to him and just hugging him."

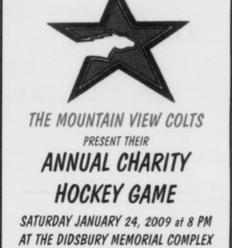
Through the Victim-ffender Reconciliation Offender program, Hutchison was able to forgive Aldridge. spent almost a full day Ryan in prison...we talked everything...and I was able to forgive him."

She said that in forgiving Aldridge it resulted in her losing connection with old friends who were friends with Bob. "They couldn't understand how I could forgive the person who did this to Bob," Hutchison said about those she lost touch

said anger could only last so long before it resulted in negative actions.

Her presentation ended with a 15-minute video of Aldridge telling his story. He talked about growing up and being bullied, dealing with his parent's divorce and all the while trying to fit

Earlier Thursday Friday morning, Hutchison met with students at Westglen and DHS to give them the same presentation. She said oftentimes she found students to be fully engaged in the story. She hoped that students would get the message that it was OK to speak out when they saw or felt something was not right and that communication, whether with a parent or another adult was



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Friday, January 2

10:43 a.m.: A member was out on patrol in Didsbury and observed a vehicle go through a stop sign. The vehicle was stopped and the driver showed signs of impairment and was taken into custody.

11:43 a.m.: Complaint from Didsbury of graffiti at a local business establishment. The front door had graffiti on it. Saturday, January 3

1:25 a.m.: Complaint from a local drinking establishment in Didsbury of two females fighting in the bar. Members attended.

1:35 a.m.: Complaint from a resident in Didsbury of an intoxicated female who was refusing to leave the resi-

3:15 p.m.: Complaint from the Water Valley area of a four door truck being abandoned. The keys were in the ignition and a man's wallet was on the front seat.

3:28 p.m.: Report from Hwy. 581 and Hwy. 2A of a white semi truck driving aggressively. It had bumped into a snow machine that was on the back of a truck trying to get the truck to move faster. Members contacted the company the semi belonged to and spoke to them about the driver's actions

Sunday, January 4

5:30 p.m.: Complaint from Didsbury of youths in an apartment building who were shooting at people with a BB gun. Members attended and found the youths to be using an airsoft gun from an upstairs window.

7 p.m.: Complaint from Didsbury of a suspicious vehi-Caller advised that once the occupant of the truck realized that people were watching him he took off. No

plates or information were obtained. 7:30 p.m.: Report from Hwy. 581 and the QEII Hwy., at the Carstairs overpass, of a single vehicle rollover. Members attended and found that no one was trapped

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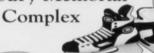
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and there were no injuries

8 p.m.: Report of a second vehicle rollover at the Carstairs overpass (not related to the first rollover).

Monday, January 5

12:05 a.m.: Complaint from the QEII Hwy. of a broken down pickup truck on the road. Driver indicated that he could not get a tow truck. Members attended to assist him in getting his car started and then followed him into town to ensure it didn't break down again.

5 a.m.: Report from Didsbury of a vehicle being gone through. An ipod was stolen and the vehicle had been

rummaged through.

5:15 a.m.: Complaint from Didsbury of another vehicle being rifled through but nothing was noticed to be stolen

7:30 a.m.: Complaint from Didsbury of two vehicles The vehicles had been unlocked and being broken into.

cash was missing from the vehicles. 8:06 a.m.: Report of a vehicle being gone through. Fuel cards, debit card, change and a camera were stolen. 8:07 a.m.: Complaint of another unlocked vehicle being

gone through overnight.

8:30 a.m.: Report of a vehicle being entered and gone through. The vehicle was unlocked but nothing appeared to have been missing.

9:15 a.m.: Complaint from Didsbury of a Ford pickup

truck being entered. CDs and a gas log were stolen.

10:15 a.m.: Members assisted in apprehending three runaways in the Water Valley area. The runaways were from the Red Deer area and had also been involved in the theft of a vehicle from Olds.

2:10 p.m.: Complaint from Didsbury of a two vehicle accident. One vehicle had backed into a parked vehicle.

3 p.m.: A person attended the office to inform members that they had been staying at a local hotel in Didsbury. When they were going through the Hide-A-Bed they found documents that belonged to a person in Quebec.

4 p.m.: Report of a two vehicle collision

4:30 p.m.: Complaint of threatening text messages being

5:55 p.m.: Complaint of a vehicle being gone through in Didsbury. The culprits managed to miss taking the satellite radio

Tuesday, January 6

8:15 a.m.: Complaint in Carstairs of a vehicle being gone through and credit cards and cash had been stolen.

8:26 a.m.: Carstairs complaint of another vehicle being gone through. Vehicle had been unlocked and the glove box and centre console had been dumped out. 8:44 a.m.: Report of two more vehicles being gone

through. Both had been unlocked and change and CDs had been stolen.

8:58 a.m.: Complaint of a vehicle having been gone through. GPS system and other documents had been

10:08 p.m.: Report of another vehicle being entered and gone through.

11:45 a.m.: Complaint of harassing phone calls. Caller said the person making harassing phone calls was trying to ruin their marriage

12:25 p.m.: Complaint from Carstairs from a woman who said she heard her dog barking in the back yard but she couldn't see anyone. When she looked outside she saw footprints and was concerned that someone had been checking around the house to possibly break in. 1:50 p.m.: Report from Hwy. 766 of a deer vs. vehicle accident. Deer jumped out from west ditch. 2:40 p.m.: Call from the rural area in Didsbury that over

the past three months unknown persons had gone onto property and were stealing different belongings including farm equipment.

3:40 p.m.: Complaint from Carstairs of a vehicle being entered and the glove box had been gone through.
6:20 p.m.: Report from Didsbury of a hit and run. There

s over \$1,000 in damages to the vehicle

9:40 p.m.: Report from Didsbury of a vehicle being entered sometime overnight.

9:55 p.m.: Another report from Didsbury of an unlocked vehicle having been gone through.

Wednesday, January 7

3:15 a.m.: Report from the QEII Hwy. of a semi in the centre median. The truck's lights were on but no plate information was obtained. There were no damages information was obtained. There were no damages reported. It looked like the driver was unable to stop due

to the icy roads and had just driven right into the median.

9 a.m.: Report from the QEII Hwy. of a single vehicle rollover. A single female was injured. She was driving southbound and lost control going through the median and ended up in the fast lane of the highway going northbound.

11 a.m.: Complaint from the QEII Hwy. of a semi trailer that had gone through the centre median and the trailer was blocking the fast lane.

12 p.m.: Complaint of a semi pulling a propane trailer. It was causing a hazard because of the fumes that were coming from the trailer which were causing a thick fog making it difficult for drivers to see

3:15 p.m.: Complaint from the rural area of Didsbury of an abandoned vehicle. Members had the vehicle towed.

p.m.: Report from Carstairs of suspicious footprints in a new resident's area. Caller was concerned of a possible break-in.

Thursday, January 8

11:30 a.m.: Report from Didsbury of a two vehicle motor vehicle collision due to icy conditions.
5:30 p.m.: Report of a truck and tractor trailer driving

sively, flashing lights and tailgating other drivers.

Police Warning:

In light of the numerous reports of vehicles in Carstairs and Didsbury being entered, police are advising all residents to make sure they are locking their vehicles and ensure they are not leaving any valuables visible in the

"I walk around town at night and I see all these things visible in the cars," says Sgt. Kevin O'Dwyer, "take your stuff into the house at the end of the night. Or if you have to leave it in the car, lock it up in the trunk."

O'Dwyer says that oftentimes many of us will think because it's a small town we are in a safe community, "and it is a safe community, but these are crimes of opportuni-

Please try to ensure that there are no valuables visible in your vehicle and that doors are kept locked.



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adies receive lifetime hospital auxiliary membership



AN HONOUR - L-R: Myra Underhay, Bessie Eckstrand, Annie Pringle and Dot Kershaw were a certificate and a lifetime membership by the Didsbury and District Health Services Auxiliary. The ladies have been members of the auxiliary for over 10 years.

The Didsbury and District Health Services Auxiliary honoured four long-time members on Tuesday. Bessie Eckstrand, Dot Kershaw, Annie Pringle and Myra Underhay were all presented with lifetime memberships

"It's in a way of appreciating and honouring what they've done for us. It's really hard, nowadays, to get volunteers in any sector. These ladies are strong in any sector. These ladies are strong founding members and we wanted to recognize that longevity of how they supported the program," said Dawna Faryna, auxiliary member and volunteer coordinator for the hospital. She also pointed out that Alberta is tops in anada for the number of auxiliaries that are still running.
All four members have been with the

auxiliary for 10 years or longer. Pringle, who is now a resident at the hospital in long-term care, was one of the founding members of the group, which started in 1964. She held various positions on the

board including president. Eckstrand became a member of the auxiliary in 1965. "I thought it was

the patients things that they wanted, we visited with them and that was impor-Eckstrand was pleased with the presentation she received on Tuesday It was quite an honour.

In 1978, Underhay became a member of the auxiliary. "I was doing a lot of volunteering work in the hospital before that and I just felt that it was a good organization." Also the recipient of the 2006 Didsbury District Health Services Volunteer of the Year Award, Underhay said receiving this honour was quite unexpected. "It means an awful you know I didn't really expect it. I just do things because I enjoy them and I like people," she laughed.

Dot Kershaw joined the auxiliary in 998. "I was only there for ten years," she says humbly about being honoured. Similar to the other ladies, Kershaw helped out with the tuck cart, a cart moved around from patient to patient that carried all sorts of needs for patients, ranging from stamps to candy.

Along with the lifetime memberships,

the ladies all received certificates hon-ouring their time spent with the auxil-

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November 20th, 1948. Together they raised

After living and working in a variety of locations and jobs in Alberta, the family settled in Didsbury and became "famous" at Johnston's Grill and Billiards!

Later they supplied plants to many of us through their greenhouse business on the south side of Didsbury.

Didsbury.

Reg and Ruth retired in Didsbury in 1990.

Reg is survived by his wife Ruth, sons and daughters, Peter (Marg), Pat (Garth), Stephen (Nancy), Sandra (John), Dan (Vivian), Bernard, and son-in-law Jerry, 23 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by 3 sisters, Jean, Betty, and Ruthie (Jerry).

Reg was predeceased by his daughter Debbie, parents, Glenn and Lily Johnston, and brothers, Dennis and Gordon.

A Celebration of Reg's Life was held at the West Zion Mennonite Church on Saturday, January 3, 2009 at 2:00 pm.

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BAUDISTEL

Ethel Ursula Baudistel was born in Poland en route from Germany to Canada on September 10, 1924 Ethel grew up in the Westcott area with her parents John & Helen Bogner, along with her sister and brothers – Helen Brookwell, Willie Bogner, Fred ogner and Ted Bogner - where they Bogner and Ted Bogner farmed. She loved the outdoors and

country life. She went to school at the Westcott School just up the road from their house. Ethel married Alfred Baudistel from Westcott where they made their home on the Baudistel farm about a mile from her family farm. Ethel & Alfred had two children, a daughter Margaret "Micki" and a son Richard. Ethel was a loving and kind mother and grandmother who spent many hours teaching her children and grandchildren about the country life. She loved livestock and grew a large vegetable garden, along with her flower gardens. Ethel loved to scrapbook, make wonderful baby blankets, plat cribbage and canasta. She was always baking bread, canning, pickling and making jelly. Everyone who knew Ethel knew she had an open door policy at her home and everyone was always welcome with open arms. Throughout the years, Ethel & Alfred were active members of both the Westcott community and Lutheran Church community. In April of 2004, Ethel moved to Didsbury after living at Westcott for 80 years. Ethel is survived by her daughter Margaret (Jim) Bergstrom, her son Richard (Karen) Baudistel, her grandchildren Heidi (Jason) Rock, Tammy (Derek) Begg. Christopher Baudistel and his girlfriend Jennifer, Julie Bergstrom and Megan (Arden) Franklin, She is survived by her great grandchildren Nathan. home and everyone was always welcome with open arms Franklin. She is survived by her great grandchildren Nathan Begg, Magna Rock and Ransom Rock. She is also survived by her sister Helen (Bob) Brookwell, brothers Fred (Bernice) Bogner, Ted (Lorna) Bogner and sister-in-law Clara Bogner. She was predeceased by her parents John & Helen Bogner, siblings Oscar, Daniel, Lilly, Rosie and Willie and her loving husband Alfred Baudistel. Ethel will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her family and friends. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Didsbury. Memorial donations may be made directly to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or Redeemer Lutheran Church. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610







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